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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

Simon Sing

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 5 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 6-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02/11/20224 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-3, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Caccuro et al. US 5,440,615.

1.1 Regarding claim 1, Caccuro discloses a language selection system in figures 1 and 3, comprising:

acquisition means (controller 301) for acquiring a telephone number of a caller terminal from switchboard 103 via switch 109 (column 2, lines 52-55, 62-66; column 5, lines 21-27);

converting means (controller 301) for converting the telephone number into a first (originating) country code (column 5, lines 27-29);

a database 303 (figure 4) in which the first country code is stored in association with guidance information (announcement) in a language identified by the first country code (column 5, lines 29-43);

selection means (controller 301) for selecting the guidance information (column 5, lines 29-43); and

notifying means ( signal processing means 304) for notifying the caller terminal unit using the language selected (column 5, line 51 to column 6, line 11).

1.2 Regarding claim 2, Caccuro discloses a language selection system in figures 1 and 3, comprising:

acquisition means (controller 301) for acquiring a telephone number of a caller terminal from switchboard 103 via switch 109 (column 2, lines 52-55, 62-66; column 5, lines 21-27);

converting means (controller 301) for converting the telephone number into a second (originating) country code associated with switchboard 103 (column 5, lines 27-29);

a database 303 (figure 4) in which the first country code is stored in association with guidance information (announcement) in a language identified by the first country code (column 5, lines 29-43);

selection means (controller 301) for selecting the guidance information (column 5, lines 29-43); and

notifying means ( signal processing means 304) for notifying the caller terminal unit using the language selected (column 5, line 51 to column 6, line 11).

1.3 Regarding 3, Caccuro teaches a setting means (controller 301) for processing of the guidance information (column 5, line 21 to column 6, line 11).

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1.4 Regarding claim 6, Caccuro discloses a language selection method in figures 1- and 3, comprising:

acquiring a telephone number of a caller terminal from switchboard 103 via switch 109 (column 2, lines 52-55, 62-66; column 5, lines 21-27);

converting the telephone number into a first (originating) country code (column 5, lines 27-29);

selecting, from a database 303 in which the first country code is stored in association with guidance information (announcement) in a language identified by the first country code, the guidance information (column 5, lines 29-43); and

notifying the caller terminal unit using the language selected via switchboard 103 (column 5, line 51 to column 6, line 11).

1.5 Regarding claim 7, Caccuro discloses a language selection method in figures 1- and 3, comprising:

acquiring a telephone number of a caller terminal from switchboard 103 via switch 109 (column 2, lines 52-55, 62-66; column 5, lines 21-27);

converting the telephone number into a second (originating) country code (column 5, lines 27-29);

selecting, from a database 303 in which the first country code is stored in association with guidance information (announcement) in a language identified by the first country code, the guidance information (column 5, lines 29-43); and

notifying the caller terminal unit using the language selected via switchboard 103 (column 5, line 51 to column 6, line 11).

2. Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fung et al. US 6,069,939.

2.1 Regarding claim 8, Fung discloses a method for selecting a language in an international call based on a country code, comprising steps of:

sending an originating telephone number and a destination telephone number with country codes (column 4, lines 51-58; column 6, lines 57-60; column 10, lines 30-38);

acquiring the originating country code (column 4, lines 51-54, column 10, lines 30-38);

acquiring the destination telephone number (column 4, lines 55-58);

converting the destination telephone number into a destination country code (column 5, lines 27-34);

selecting prompts (guidance information) based on the destination country code (column 5, lines 27-34);

notifying a called party's terminal with selected prompts (column 5, lines 27-34; column 7, line 65 to column 8, line 18).

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2.2 Regarding claim 9, Fung discloses a method for selecting a language in an international call based on a country code, comprising steps of:

reading from a storage means (network adjunct processor 60; figures 1, 8 and 9) an originating country code and destination code (column 4, lines 48-58; column 6, lines 57-60; column 10, lines 30-38);

acquiring the destination country code from an originating terminal (column 4, lines 55-58; column 5, lines 27-34);

selecting prompts (guidance information) from a database (figure 9) based on the destination country code (column 5, lines 27-34);

notifying a called party's terminal with selected prompts (column 5, lines 27-34; column 7, line 65 to column 8, line 18).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 4 and 5 allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Caccuro teaches forwarding an originating country code to a foreign called party's voice messaging system, and based on the originating country code, a prompt in the language spoken in the originating country is played back to a caller. Fung teaches forwarding an originating country code and a destination country code to a network device, and based on destination country code, a prompt in the language spoken in the

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destination country, is played to a called party. Both Caccuro and Fung fail to teach storing an originating country code in a telephone terminal, and sending the originating country code with a destination telephone number from the telephone terminal to a communication network when making a call.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Simon Sing whose telephone number is 571-272-7545. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang, can be reached at 571-272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2600.



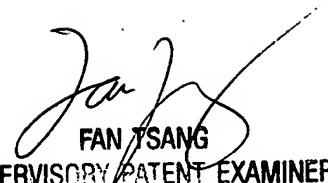
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